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From: Commander U. S. Naval Support Activity, Saigon
To: LTJG John F. KNOX, USN, 713525/1105
Via: Commander Coastal Division ONE ONE

Subj: Purple Heart Award; presentation of

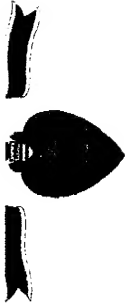
Reel: (1) Purple Heart Medal, Ribbon and Lapel Pin

1. On behalf of the Chief of Naval Personnel, the Commander U. S. Naval Support Activity, Saigon hereby awards you the Purple Heart for injuries received on 2 December 1966.

2. A certificate of this award will be forwarded directly to you by the Chief of Naval Personnel.

DONALD A. STELL
Chief Staff Officer

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HAS AWARDED THE

PURPLE HEART

ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON
AT NEWBURGH, NEW YORK, AUGUST 7, 1782
TO

Lieutenant (junior grade) John Buchen Kerry, U. S. Navy

FOR WOUNDS RECEIVED
IN ACTION

2 December 1968

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS Twelfth DAY OF August 1969

Charles H. Ryan

CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

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From: Commander U. S. Naval Support Activity, Saigon
To: LTJG John Forbes KERRY, USN, 712525/1100
Via: Commander Coastal Division CMC CM

Subj: Purple Heart Award; presentation of

Reals: (1) Gold Star

1. On behalf of the Chief of Naval Personnel, the Commander U. S. Naval Support Activity, Saigon hereby awards you a Gold Star in lieu of a second Purple Heart Award for injuries received on 20 February 1963.

2. A certificate of this award will be forwarded directly to you by the Chief of Naval Personnel.

DONALD A. STELL
Chief Staff Officer

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HAS AWARDED THE

GOLD STAR 1st CLASS OF THE THIRD ARCADE OF THE

PURPLE HEART

ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON
AT NEWBURGH, NEW YORK, AUGUST 7, 1782
TO

Lieutenant (junior grade) John Forbes Terry, U. S. Navy

FOR WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION

20 February 1964

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS Twelfth DAY OF August 1964

Charles D. Duncan

CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL



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From: Commander, U. S. Naval Support Activity, Saigon
To: LTJG John Forbes KERRY, USN, T13 525/1100
Via: Commander, Coastal Division ONE ONE

Subj: Purple Heart Award, presentation of

Ref: (a) CINCPACFLT ltr FFI-1 1090 Ser 15/pri-110 of 12 January 1960

Encls: (1) Gold Star

1. In accordance with the authority delegated by reference (a), the Commander, U. S. Naval Support Activity, Saigon takes pride in presenting to you a Gold Star in lieu of a third Purple Heart for injuries received on 13 March 1960.

2. A permanent certificate of this award will be issued to you by the Chief of Naval Personnel upon your request. It is recommended that you make application for this certificate upon your return to the continental United States.

DONALD A. STILL
Chief Staff Officer

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HAS AWARDED THE
GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF THE SECOND AWARD OF THE

PURPLE HEART

ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON
AT NEWBURGH, NEW YORK, AUGUST 7, 1782
TO

Lieutenant (junior grade) John Forbes Kerry, M. S. Navy

FOR WOUNDS RECEIVED
IN ACTION

13 March 1969

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS Twelfth DAY OF August 1969

Charles H. DeLoach

CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

For the President

ERZ
E. R. SWALTY, Jr.

Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the
BRONZE STAR MEDAL to

LIEUTENANT (JUNIOR GRADE) JOHN F. KERRY
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For heroic achievement while serving with Coastal Division ELEVEN engaged in armed conflict with Viet Cong communist aggressors in An Xuyen Province, Republic of Vietnam on 13 March 1969. Lieutenant (jg) Kerry was serving as Officer in Charge of Inshore Patrol Craft 94, one of five boats conducting a SEA LORDS operation in the Bay Hap River. While exiting the River, a mine detonated under another Inshore Patrol Craft and almost simultaneously, another mine detonated close aboard his Inshore Patrol Craft knocking a man into the water and wounding Lieutenant (jg) Kerry in the right arm. In addition, all units began receiving small arms and automatic weapons fire from the river banks. When Lieutenant (jg) Kerry discovered he had a man overboard, he returned upriver to assist. The man in the water was receiving sniper fire from both banks. Lieutenant (jg) Kerry directed his gunners to provide suppressing fire, while from an exposed position on the bow, his arm bleeding and in pain and with disregard for his personal safety, he pulled the man aboard. Lieutenant (jg) Kerry then directed his boat to return and assist the other damaged Inshore Patrol Craft. His crew attached a line and towed the damaged boat to safety. Lieutenant (jg) Kerry's professionalism, great personal courage under fire, and complete dedication to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy